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"EGG BASE SIGMA...

"...A MODEST INDUSTRIAL SITE BY THE EGGMAN EMPIRE'S STANDARDS..."

...BUT IT HAS PRECISELY WHAT I NEED FOR MY PLANS.

DR. EGGMAN MAY BE A GENIUS, BUT HE'S *SLOPPY*. I'LL USE MY PERSONAL LOGIN AND TAKE OVER THE BASE.

ENTER PASSWORD

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I HATE SNEAKING AROUND LIKE VERMIN, BUT I'M IN NO POSITION TO FIGHT MY WAY THROUGH THE SECURITY...

AWOOGA AWOOGA

PASSWORD REJECTED

NOW YOU CHOOSE TO EXCEED MY EXPECTATIONS, DOCTOR?

NO MATTER. I'LL JUST WARP BACK TO BASE, REGROUP, AND...

...DRAT. FORCE OF HABIT.

TIME TO TEST OUT THE MULTI-TOOL HEEL SPURS!

ACTIVATING ELECTRO-SPUR...

NOT THE MOST IDEAL WAY TO FIELD TEST THESE...

POW

...AND *DEFINITELY* NOT THE TIME TO STRESS TEST THEM!

SLOPPY! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASSUMED THE CODES WOULD WORK!

THAT KIND OF UNEARNED ARROGANCE IS *PRECISELY* WHAT UNDERMINES DR. EGGMAN.

I MUST BE *BETTER* THAN MY IDOL.

BUT FIRST, FOCUS ON SOLVING THE PROBLEM AT HAND. ESCAPE. QUICKLY. QUIETLY.

AVOID FIGHTING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...

MUCH LATER...

=SIGH= PROGRESS LOG UPDATE. I'VE HIT A ROADBLOCK.

I'VE AMASSED A SUBSTANTIAL RESERVE OF EGGMAN TECHNOLOGY* BUT MY CURRENT BASE OF OPERATIONS LACKS THE FACILITIES NECESSARY TO UTILIZE THEM.

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #14--EDS.

MY CURRENT LONG-TERM PLANS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL I HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE MY PRINCIPLE CREATIONS.

THIS WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER IF I STILL HAD THE WARP TOPAZ. BUT DR. EGGMAN... CHOSE TO SQUANDER THAT RESOURCE.**

AND I LACK THE PHYSICAL PROWESS TO USE BRUTE FORCE AS SONIC WOULD.

**STH #25.

I NEED A REPLACEMENT THAT ALLOWS ME TO COMPETE EVENLY WITH MY ENEMIES.

MY HEEL SPURS AREN'T SUFFICIENT. I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND...

...BUT IT REQUIRES RESOURCES I CAN'T OBTAIN AS I AM. WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO THE PRESENT CONDITION.

I REITERATE: ROADBLOCK.

I MUST PERSEVERE.

DR. EGGMAN'S AMBITIONS WILL *NEVER* ADVANCE SO LONG AS HE'S CAUGHT IN HIS FIXATION ON SONIC.

IT'S UP TO ME TO BREAK THE CYCLE AND CONQUER THE WORLD FOR HIM.

WHICH IS EXPONENTIALLY MORE DIFFICULT, SINCE I AM NO LONGER IN HIS GOOD GRACES.

BADNIKS ARE LIMITED IN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. MY PERSONAL ENFORCERS CAN'T BE COMPLETED UNTIL I HAVE THAT BASE.

I NEED HELP. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THE MISTAKE OF A TRUSTING PARTNERSHIP AGAIN.

IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO HATED THE DOCTOR AND SONIC MUTUALLY...

...I COULD POTENTIALLY SWAY THEM...

...AND THEN DISPOSE OF THEM.

EUREKA.

EVERHOLD PRISON.

WHO ARE YOU? WHO LET YOU IN?!

PLEASE, CALM YOURSELF, WARDEN...

...I'M HERE FOR THE JOB INTERVIEW, REMEMBER? THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WING. I THINK MY RESUME MEETS YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

OH, YES. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.

LET'S HEAD THERE NOW. DON'T FORGET THE KEYS, MM?

OF COURSE. I LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM.

THE... *UM*... POSITION HAS BEEN HARD TO FILL. THE INMATES WE'RE HOLDING ARE SOME OF THE WORST IN THE WORLD.

MOST OF THEM HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO FIGHT ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG***.

GOODNESS. HOW FRIGHTFUL.

YOU THERE! HURRY! YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED! LET ME OUT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

THAT IS ***MIMIC***, A SPY AND ASSASSIN IN DEBT TO DR. EGGMAN. HE BETRAYED HIS TEAMMATES, FRAMED SONIC FOR NUMEROUS CRIMES, THE LIST GOES ON.

DON'T SELL ME SHORT, WARDEN. I'M A ***PROFESSIONAL***. I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T APPROVE OF MY WORK.

THESE TWO ARE ***ROUGH*** AND ***TUMBLE***. THEY'RE NOT VERY BRIGHT OR SKILLED, BUT THEY STILL MANAGE TO BE TROUBLE.

THEY'VE HELD TWO TOWNS HOSTAGE AND WORKED FOR DR. EGGMAN--AND THAT'S JUST ***THIS*** YEAR.

WE NEVER SHOULDA TRIED TO TAKE OVER BARRICADE TOWN AGAIN.

HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO KNOW THEY'D STILL HAVE ALL THOSE WISPONS?

STAY BACK! THAT'S ZAVOK, THE LEADER OF THE DEADLY SIX.

HE'S A FEROCIOUS BEAST WITH INCREDIBLE POWERS.

INDEED. HE CAN CONTROL ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELDS. PUTTING HIM IN THIS ARCHAIC CELL WAS A CLEVER MOVE. IF HE WERE IN A STANDARD CELL, HE COULD CONTROL THE LOCK AND RELEASE HIMSELF.

WOW! YOU REALLY DID YOUR HOMEWORK FOR THIS JOB!

"JOB?" WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING AT, DOCTOR?

WAIT-- YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

THAT IS DR. STARLINE. PROTÉGÉ TO DR. EGGMAN.

YOU--?!

SLEEP.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS HAD HYPNOTIC TOOLS? WHY DID YOU BOTHER WITH THE CACOPHONIC CONCH?*

I HAVE A VARIETY OF TOOLS, AND I KNOW WHEN BEST TO USE THEM.

*STH#25.

PLUS, I DOUBT IT WOULD DO MUCH ON YOUR IRON WILL.

SAVE YOUR PLATITUDES. WE ARE ENEMIES, EGGMAN FLUNKY.

FORMER FLUNKY.

GENTLEMEN, IT HURTS TO SAY IT, BUT ***I WAS WRONG.***

DR. EGGMAN IS ***NOT*** THE MARVEL I THOUGHT HE WAS. HE ***USED*** ME, JUST LIKE HE'S USED ALL OF YOU.

BUT I WON'T ALLOW THAT INDIGNITY TO STAND! AND NEITHER SHOULD ANY OF YOU!

I HAVE A PLAN. AND TOGETHER, WITH OUR COMBINED SKILLS, WE ***CAN GET REVENGE ON DR. EGGMAN!***

HARD PASS.

I DON'T *DO* TEAMS ANYMORE.

THEN THINK OF IT AS A BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP. I *NEED* YOUR SKILLS FOR MY PLAN TO WORK.

IN RETURN, I CAN DELETE YOU FROM THE EGGNET. DR. EGGMAN WILL HAVE NO RECORD OF YOU, AND YOU'LL BE *FREE* OF HIS SURVEILLANCE.

WE AIN'T WORKING WITH YOU! YOU DUMPED METAL VIRUS GOO ON US!*

THAT WAS DR. EGGMAN'S PLAN! I HAD *NO IDEA* HE WOULD DO THAT TO YOU!

PULL THE OTHER ONE. WE AIN'T CHUMPS!

*STH#15.

I'LL BUILD YOU WEAPONS TO CRUSH YOUR ENEMIES. FOR FREE.

MAKE MINE TAIL-SHAPED!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

YOU ATTEMPTED TO ENSLAVE ME AND MY PACK. THERE IS *NOTHING* YOU CAN OFFER THAT WILL CONVINCE ME TO FOLLOW YOU.

HOW FORTUITOUS. FOR MY PLAN TO SUCCEED, WE'D NEED TO FOLLOW YOU--MY *NEW* MASTER.

I AM NO LEADER. I NEVER PRETENDED TO BE.

I AM AN ALLY, A SUPPORTER--A FLUNKY. I LIVE TO SERVE.

MY MISTAKE WAS FOLLOWING THE WRONG LEADER. DR. EGGMAN DEPLOYED THE METAL VIRUS HAPHAZARDLY, LETTING IT SPREAD AT RANDOM. THE MINUTE HE LOST CONTROL, HE ABANDONED HIS AMBITIONS.

BUT YOU? *YOU* TOOK COMMAND OF THE SITUATION INSTANTLY! *YOU* TOOK COMMAND OF THE ZOMBOTS WITH RUTHLESS EFFICIENCY. *YOU* MAXIMIZED THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS INSTEAD OF SQUANDERING THEIR POTENTIAL!

YOU ARE EVERYTHING I ADMIRED IN DR. EGGMAN AND MORE!

YOU'RE ALSO A VAINGLORIOUS BRUTE WHO THINKS HIMSELF A CONQUEROR.

I HAD A PERFECT PLAN TO SALVAGE THE METAL VIRUS PLAGUE, BUT YOU AND YOUR MINIONS RUINED EVERYTHING.

I'M SEPARATED FROM DR. EGGMAN *BECAUSE OF YOU.*

SO I'LL FEED YOUR EGO, GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT, THEN LEAD YOU BY THE NOSE TO YOUR DESTRUCTION. I'LL HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED *AND* SWEET REVENGE.

YOU SAD, WEAK LITTLE MAN. JUST LIKE EGGMAN, YOU'RE NOT NEARLY AS CUNNING AS YOU THINK.

YOU'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING. NO DOUBT WE'RE *ALL* EXPENDABLE IN YOUR SCHEME.

THAT SUITS ME FINE. I HAVE NO LOVE FOR THESE LOWLIFES.

BUT I *WILL* SACRIFICE THEM TO STRIKE DOWN EGGMAN AND FIND MY WAY BACK TO MY PACK.

AND THEN YOU WILL PAY DEARLY FOR TRYING TO USE ME *TWICE.*

SO THIS PLAN OF YOURS... IS FOR *MY* BENEFIT?

YES, SIR. WE ALL STAND TO GAIN BY IT, BUT I HEREBY PLEDGE MYSELF TO YOU.

THEN YOU SHALL BE MY *DEADLY FOUR.*

OH, THANK YOU, SIR.

AWOOGA AWOOGA

SLAM

THE WHOLE PRISON IS NOW ON *HIGH ALERT*. NOT THAT YOU'RE GETTING OUT--THAT DOOR ONLY ANSWERS TO *MY* VOICE.

THANKS FOR THE NAP, THOUGH. IT WAS LOVELY.

AUGH!

MY HEEL-SPURS ARE LOADED WITH A MILD NEUROTOXIN. THAT WILL KEEP HIM OUT OF THE WAY. CAN YOU UNLOCK MIMIC'S CELL?

NOT FROM HERE. RELEASE ME! HURRY!

FINALLY!

SECURITY AUTHORIZATION BETA-GAMMA-ZERO-ONE.

THANKS FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES!

DON'T GET *TOO* COMFY IN THERE!

WARDEN! WHAT'S GOING ON?

ZAVOK'S BREAKING OUT OF HIS CELL!

HE'S NOT OUT YET, BUT I NEED THE *THREE OF YOU* TO HELP ME PACIFY HIM!

YOU! YOU'RE WITH ME! *YOU TWO!* FOLLOW US!

SLEEP!

*

HANDS IN THE AIR!

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WHY ARE WE RUSHING? USE YOUR HYPNO-GIZMO ON EVERYONE!

IT'S A PRECISION INSTRUMENT, NOT CROWD CONTROL.

IF WE'RE TO ESCAPE, WE NEED TO SHUT DOWN SECURITY AND--

HALT! SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY!

TURN INTO THE WARDEN! TELL THEM TO STAND DOWN!

THEY'LL SEE ME CHANGE, MORON! GET ZAVOK TO--!

TIME TO SMASH SOME HEADS!

GONNA MAKE 'EM CRUMBLE!

IT'S BREAK-OUT TIME FOR ROUGH & TUMBLE!

SMASH

SMASH

AS I WAS SAYING-- YOU COULD'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THEIR WISPONS.

YES. BUT LET THEM PROVE THEIR WORTH.

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET! THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!

RAAALGH!

UH...

WE NEED THEM FOR THE PLAN, SIR.

FINE. I SUPPOSE I MUST CODDLE YOU INFERIOR NON-ZETI.

BWOOSH

ONWARD, MY WARRIORS.

I'LL SCOUT FOR STRAGGLERS.

YOU. WISPON. NOW.

O-OF COURSE. B-BUT WHY--?

FOR AIDING A JAIL-BREAK, SCUMBAG.

BWOOSH

FOOLED YOU, EH?

CONTROL ROOM SECURE.

EXCELLENT WORK! NOW TO SHUT OFF THE ALARMS AND--

NO.

"NO?"

UNLOCK ALL THE CELLS. SCRAMBLE COMMUNICATIONS. SEND THIS ENTIRE FACILITY INTO CHAOS.

YOU'RE A VISIONARY, SIR.

SO... WE DOIN' THIS? WORKING WITH THESE BOZOS, I MEAN?

I AIN'T GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS, DO YOU?

IF HE CAN GET EGGMAN OFF MY BACK, THEN I'LL TAKE THAT AS FAIR COMPENSATION.

STUPENDOUS DEBUT, EVERYONE. NOW THAT WE'RE WARMED UP, LET'S DO SOME *REAL* DAMAGE!

NEXT TIME: POWER GRAB!

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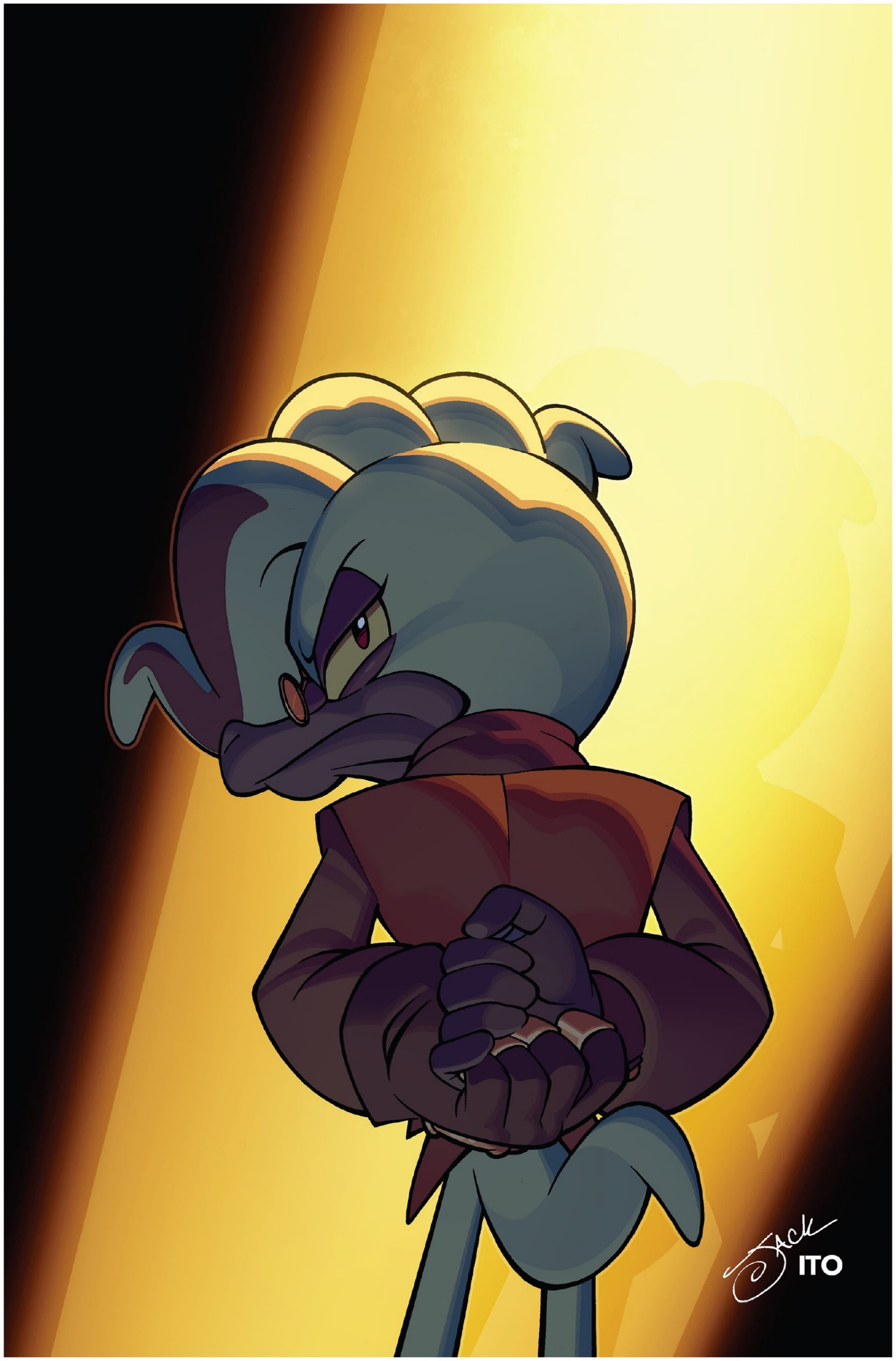

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SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello there, Squad! Uh-oh… the bad guys are out of jail and ready to wreak havoc on the world… Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee for "A Few Bad Men." Now, on to your letters featuring the bad guys themselves!

Hey IDW Sonic Squad!,

It's been awesome seeing Zavok and the other Deadly Six back in action! It's a twist I didn't see coming in the Zombot story. Looking forward to the new Sonic: Bad Guys comics. I've attached a piece of fan art I've done of Sonic and Zavok in a showdown.

Stay way past cool!,
Billy Kurtz

Hey, Billy!

The Deadly Six sure made curing the world even more difficult! Zavok's out of jail and working with Starline now, but I wonder what the other Deadly Six are up to? I'm sure Zomon is raiding every grocery store he finds… Maybe we'll catch up with them one day and Sonic and Zavok can have a showdown like in your awesome picture. Hope you enjoyed Bad Guys!

Howdy Sonic squad!

I'm Lindsey, 16 but a massive fan of Sonic as far back as when I was 2-years-old watching Sonic X. All these years later and the series still sticks with me very strongly, in part because of these awesome comics you guys make! I always have the release date of the next comic marked on my calendar so I can pick it up ASAP and read it with my darling girlfriend as if it was a script. Since his debut I've especially loved the ever elegant and ever dastardly Dr Starline, due in part to my girlfriend's adorable voice for him. So imagine my excitement when I heard he was getting to star in a comic just for him and the other baddies!

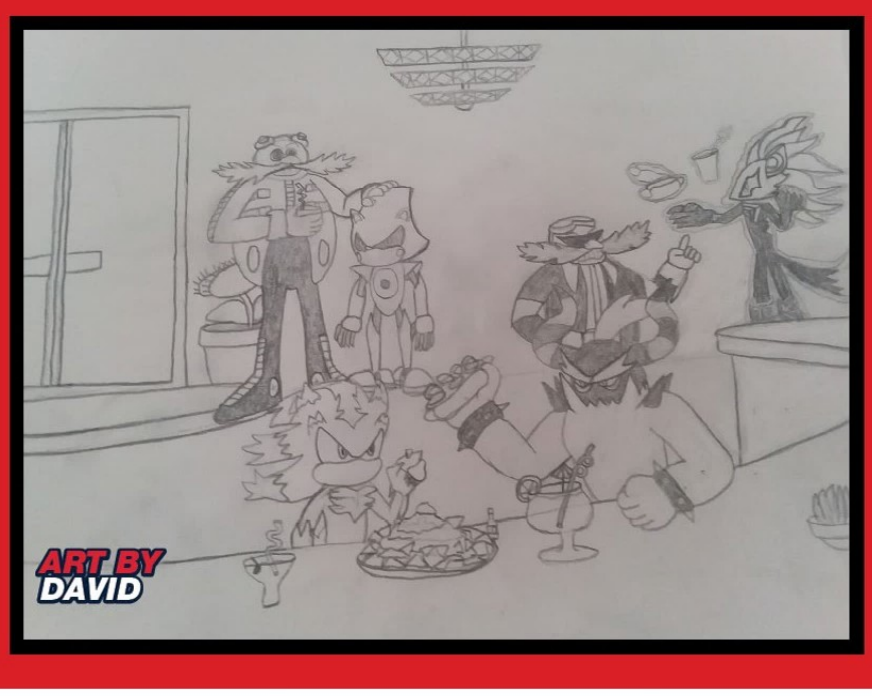
These comics have given so much inspiration to us, it's unreal. I wish to be a cartoon producer in the future while my girlfriend wants to be a voice actress, both of which were helped by comics like these. Keep on rocking and we'll keep on buying your comics far in the future when we're busy wives!

Stay awesome,
Lindsey

Howdy, Lindsey,

New comic book day at your house sounds so fun! I want to stop by to hear you and your girlfriend read the comic in all the different voices. If your girlfriend's Starline voice captures even half of the fabulosity of your picture, I'm sure it's amazing! It's really heartwarming to hear that the comics have inspired you both–I hope they continue to do so and I hope you two enjoy reading all of the villainous voices in *Bad Guys*.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your *Bad Guys* art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, find out if the bad guys can get along long enough to enact their evil plans!



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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.

TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.

BUT AFTER THEIR LAST BATTLE...

...DR. EGGMAN VANISHED...

...BUT HIS ROBOT ARMY DID NOT!

WHUH-OH— THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

SOUNDS LIKE THE LOCALS ARE PUTTING UP A FIGHT.

I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND ME LENDING A HAND!

RUN! GET TO THE STORM BUNKER!

SOK

SMASH

SMASH

HEY! YOU HURT?

N-NOT REALLY. YOU'RE... YOU'RE *SONIC!*

THE ONE AND ONLY.

HERE YOU GO. TRY SWINGING IT AT THE ROBOTS NEXT TIME. I KNEW SOMEBODY WHO PUT IT TO GOOD USE.

YOU'RE... *THE* SONIC!

MAYBE GET INSIDE, BUDDY. NICE CHAT! NEED TO SAVE YOUR TOWN. BYE!

O-OKAY!

SWEET! THE TOWN MILITIA!

BOTS COMING IN FROM THE NORTH! YOU'VE GOT A GUY HOLDING HIS OWN OUT THERE!

O-OKAY! WE'RE ON IT!

HURRY UP! THEY'RE CLOSING IN!

I'M TRYING! IT'S STUCK!

WHOOSH

FASSSH

...ALL THIS TERROR MIGHT BE WORTH IT IF I GET TO SAY SONIC WINKED AT ME!

I HOPE WE SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!

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